



Maine Department of Health and Human Services

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Billing News & Tips

Nursing homes using the UB-92 should note these billing reminders

On the UB-92, if Medicare is the primary payer, FL (Form Locator) 39 must indicate A1 for deductible and/or A2 for co-insurance, with the amount of the deductible and/or co-insurance. Also note these instructions:

FL 42: The revenue code you normally bill.

FL 47: Medicare allowed amount.

FL 50: Payer Code C (Medicare) on Line A.
Payer Code D (MaineCare) on Line B.

FL 54: Never enter a prior payment from MaineCare or Medicare.

The Explanation of Medicare Benefits (EOMB) must be attached to the claim.

Be sure that, if commercial insurance is the primary payer, you list the prior insurance payment in FL 54.

And, non-covered Medicare services should be billed on a separate claim.

When your provider enrollment update arrives, make necessary corrections

The MaineCare Provider Enrollment Unit has sent updated enrollments to all MaineCare providers, with the exception of Waiver providers.

We ask you to review these forms, generated from the MaineCare Claims Management System (MECMS), to ensure that we have up-to-date information on your organization.

Please note that MaineCare generated this data in August 2005. If your Provider ID number

was created after that date, you won't receive a packet.

Also, we are regenerating the physician packets. Provider ID numbers for physicians were sent to the Provider Enrollment Unit in numerical order. If you're a physician and your number falls after 130760000, you'll receive your packet in the near future.

When your enrollment update arrives, please change any incorrect or outdated information and return the paperwork to us as soon as you can. Because of a large number of provider requests, we've extended the previous return deadline of April 7 to April 21.

Thank you for helping us ensure that all your information in our system is accurate.

Notice for crossover claims on paper

Although we aren't processing crossover tapes from Medicare, you may continue to bill co-insurance and deductible (crossover claims) on paper.

A reminder that the schedule for payments changes for Patriots Day

Please remember that because of the Patriots Day state holiday on Monday, April 17, the Department of Health and Human Services has changed this week's schedule for issuing payments to providers.

Here is what would be the normal schedule and how it will be adjusted:

Normally, the claims cycle payment electronic funds transfers (EFTs) would have been released on Friday, April 14, for receipt that night or until the following Tuesday, April 18, depending on the EFT vendor.

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Adjusted schedule: The claims cycle payment EFTs were scheduled to be released on Friday, April 14, for receipt that night or until the following Wednesday, April 19, depending on the EFT vendor.

Normally, the claims cycle payment checks and corresponding remittance advice statements (RAs) would have been released on Monday, April 17, for receipt by the following Friday, April 21, depending on the mail.

Adjusted schedule: The claims cycle payment checks and RAs will be released on Tuesday, April 18, for receipt by the following Saturday, April 22, depending on the mail.

Normally, the interim payment cycle EFTs would occur on Wednesday, April 19, for receipt that night or until the following Monday, April 24, depending on the EFT vendor.

Adjusted schedule: The interim payment cycle EFTs will occur on Thursday, April 20, for receipt that night or until the following Tuesday, April 25, depending on the EFT vendor.

Normally, the interim cycle payment checks that have no corresponding RAs would be released Thursday, April 20, for receipt by the following Tuesday, April 25, depending on the mail.

Adjusted schedule: The interim payment checks that have no corresponding RAs will be released on Friday, April 21, for receipt by the following Wednesday, April 26, depending on the mail.

Next week, beginning April 24, the payment cycles will return to their normal dates. ■

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